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11/28/01IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
L. SHAPIRO )  
Serial No.: 09/518,081 ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: March 3, 2000 ) Examiner: R. Hutson.  
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Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR INHIBITING APOPTOSIS

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2001, Paper No. 6, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are presently pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Response to Species Election:

In the Office Action mailed October 16, 2001, the Examiner stated that Applicant must elect between the species within claims 3, 5, and 8 and list all claims readable on the elected species. Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirements. However, to be fully responsive, Applicant elects, with traverse, the species  $\alpha_1$ - antitrypsin. Claims 1-4, 7, and 10 – 24 read on the elected species.

